

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014**

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour</b> <b>12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business</b>  <b>Fifteen "One Minutes"</b>	<b>1:30 – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>3:30 – 4:30 p.m.</b>

\*\*Members are advised that the House will recess no later than 5:30 p.m. to allow a security sweep of the House Chamber prior to the President's State of the Union address. The House will meet again at approximately 8:35 p.m. for the purpose of receiving, in a joint session with the Senate, the President of the United States.

**[H.Res. 465](#) – Rule providing for consideration of both [H.R. 7](#) – No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (Rep. Smith (NJ) – Judiciary/Ways and Means/Energy and Commerce) and the Conference Report on [H.R. 2642](#) – Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013 (Rep. Lucas – Agriculture) (One Hour of Debate).** The Rules Committee has recommended one Rule which provides for consideration of both [H.R. 7](#) and the Conference Report on [H.R. 2642](#).

For [H.R. 7](#), the Rules Committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate, with 20 minutes equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Energy & Commerce, 20 minutes equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways & Means, and 20 minutes equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Judiciary. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, and waives all points of order against the legislation.

For the Conference Report on [H.R. 2642](#), the Rules committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate. The Rule allows no amendments and one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. It also waives all points of order against the Conference Report.

The Rules Committee rejected several Democratic motions, including motions by Ms. Slaughter of New York to make in order the Van Hollen/Levin Amendment, which would use savings from the Farm Bill to extend emergency unemployment insurance, as well as a motion to consider [H.R. 7](#) under an open Rule. The Committee also rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts to make in order the Norton Amendment, which would strike the provisions in the bill related to DC's use of local funds for abortion services. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

**[H.R. 7](#) – No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (Rep. Smith (NJ) – Judiciary/Ways and Means/Energy and Commerce) (1 Hour of Debate).** This bill would permanently prohibit the use of federal funds to pay for any abortion services or abortion coverage. It prohibits individuals and small businesses from claiming tax credits for any private insurance plans purchased through Affordable Care Act Marketplaces that include abortion coverage - despite the fact that current law already requires that women/families who purchase such plans make two separate premium payments to ensure that no federal funds are spent on abortion services. The effect of these changes would likely lead to a vast majority of women losing access to comprehensive insurance coverage, as small business owners would be incentivized to offer plans that do not cover abortion. This bill would also further undermine the District of Columbia's home rule, prohibiting them from using District funds to provide abortion services to low-income women.

Although this bill is advertised as reinforcing existing law, in truth [H.R. 7](#) goes beyond current law. It applies the federal tax code to the issue of abortion and restricts the private insurance choices that consumers have today. Despite being referred to three committees, only the Judiciary Committee was given the opportunity to hold a markup on the bill. Lastly, the White House has issued a SAP stating that the President would veto this bill.

**TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK**

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Wednesday, January 29: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider the Conference Report to [H.R. 2642](#) – Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013 (Rep. Lucas – Agriculture) (Subject to a Rule).

## The Daily Quote

"Since January 2011, [Speaker John] Boehner had warned Republicans to avoid a shutdown and the threat of debt default. But just 11 months after winning a second term as speaker in January 2013, Boehner couldn't prevent the shutdown from happening, a sign of his internal weakness... In unprecedented language, Boehner attacked outside conservative groups like Heritage Action and Club for Growth in early December, blaming them for helping provoke the shutdown by pressuring rank-and-file House Republicans to defund or repeal Obamacare, a losing strategy that Boehner and other top GOP leaders knew would eventually fail... Boehner even admitted that the shutdown was a dumb idea. 'When I looked up, I saw my colleagues going this way,' Boehner said of the shutdown. 'You learn that a leader without followers is simply a man taking a walk. So I said, 'If you want to go fight this fight, I'll go fight the fight with you.' But it was a very predictable disaster.'"

- Politico, 1/28/2014